



Urban League

of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.

Empowering Communities. Changing Lives.

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 20, 2011

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis I would like to emphasize the importance of delivering expanded access to high-speed wireless services and urge your support of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

These services are vital for minority and low-income Americans to succeed in the modern technology-based economy. Yet, too often, minority Americans hit a roadblock when it comes to using the Internet and the many benefits it delivers in areas like health care, education, and jobs. This agreement provides the promise of better service and greater access to fast wireless Internet service.

In fact, should this merger go through, AT&T will be able to expand its 4G LTE deployment to more than 97 percent of the nation's population in rural and urban areas. That will go a long way toward meeting President Obama's goal of providing access to high-speed broadband service to everyone in America.

That is a deal we can certainly support and we hope that you will do so as well.

Respectfully,


James H. Buford
President and CEO

CC:

Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker

James H. Buford
President/CEO

Officers 2010-2011

Stephen C. Jones
Chairman
Jo Ann Arnold
Vice-Chairman
Debra Denham
Treasurer
Edward Higgins
Secretary
Mark Levison
General Counsel

Board of Directors

Dr. Ed Adams
Dr. Robert Archibald
Jo Ann Arnold
Velma Bailey
Andrew Baker
Richard Banks
Rebecca Barnes
Steven M. Barney
Lynn Beall
Robert E. Bell
Michael Burns
Jack Carey
Christine Chadwick
Karen Davis
Debra Denham
Melanie DiLeo
Frankie Eichenberger
Richard Eichwald
Dave Ervin
Rabbi Randy Fleisher
Richard Fleming
Frankie M. Freeman
Johnny Furr, Jr.
Astrid Garcia
Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.
Dr. Dennis Golden
Michael Green
Frank Hamsher
Dr. Zelema Harris
Edward Higgins
Debra Hollingsworth
Rhonda Hunter
Thomas Irwin
Allan D. Ivie, IV
Reverend Sammie Jones
Stephen C. Jones
Anthony Kinslow
Roman Kulich
Mark Levison
John Lyday
Ann Marr
Patrick McNamee
Richard H. Miles
Tony Moise
Sandra Moore
John Moten, Jr.
Kathleen T. Osborn
Daniel Paquin
Emily Pitts
Dr. Constance Rockingham
William Rusnack
Todd R. Schnuck
Bryan Scott
Ellen Sherberg
Armando Siliceo-Roman
Dr. John W. Sisco, III
Dr. Elizabeth Strobe
Andrew Stroud
Dr. Donald Suggs
Kelvin Taylor
Michelle Tucker
Kira Van Niel
Thomas Voss
Robert E. Wallace
Keith Williamson
Dr. Karl Wilson
Donald L. Wolff
Col. William H. Young



Affiliated with the National Urban League

Proud member of

United Way
of Greater St. Louis

